(d) if so, the steps Government are going to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No proposal has been received in Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal of Kushivali Dam in Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) Irrigation being a State subject the primary responsibility for planning, investigation, funding and execution of irrigation and flood control projects rests with the State Government including provision of requisite funds for works and establishment.

Pending irrigation projects in Bihar

†1782. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the medium as well as major irrigation projects of Bihar which are pending with Government;

(b) the reasons for the projects lying pending; and

(c) whether non-clearance of projects has adversley affected the development of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Four major irrigation projects of reorganized Bihar State have been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

received in the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal. Out of these, Punpun Barrage and Tilaiya Dhadar have been accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to certain conditions which are yet to be complied with by the State Government. The Kadwan Reservoir and Upper Mahananda projects are under correspondence with the State Government. The clearance of these projects is linked to prompt and satisfactory compliance of the condition/observation of the Advisory Committee and Central Appraising Agencies by the State Government. Irrigation being a State subject, the onus lies on the State Governments to get the irrigation projects for development of the State cleared, as per their own priorities.

Flood control

1783. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total flood and drought prone areas in the country in each plan period from First to Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(b) whether dams on the rivers are causing dryness/silting of all river beds thereby causing floods; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Rashtriya Barh Ayog assessed the area liable to floods as 40 million ha. in